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EXPORT AND IMPORT MERCHANDISE TRADE

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today a seasonally adjusted November 1969 export total of $3,367.1 million, excluding Department of Defense (DOD) Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments, and a seasonally adjusted general import total for November of $3,213.7 million. Comparable seasonally adjusted totals for October were $3,368.9 million for exports and $3,221.9 million for imports.[1] [2] The Bureau noted that the November seasonally adjusted export total is the third highest total on record and represents the fifth time this year where the total exceeds $3.3 billion. November represents the eighth consecutive month in 1969 that seasonally adjusted imports have exceeded $3.0 billion. (The detailed figures appearing in table 5 of this report and in all other November import reports are undercounted by about $44 million representing imports of automotive products from Canada. However, the seasonally adjusted and unadjusted overall totals appearing in this text and in tables 1 and 3 of this report reflect the inclusion of these imports. Data on these imports will be reflected in the cumulative statistics in the December reports.)

For the first 11 months of 1969, exports on a seasonally adjusted basis were at an annual rate of $37,160 million (about 9 percent above the calendar year 1968 total of $34,063 million). Imports were at an annual rate of $36,035 million (about 8 percent above the calendar year 1968 total of $33,226 million). For the 4-month period, August-November 1969, seasonally adjusted exports averaged $3,361.8 million per month, a level about 3 percent above the $3,257.7 million average reported for the preceding 4-month period April-July 1969. Imports averaged $3,167.7 million for the current 4-month period, slightly below the average of $3,176.8 million for the preceding 4-month period.

Seasonally adjusted export and import totals for selected Schedule A and B commodity sections and divisions are shown in tables 4 and 5. (Unlike the overall total, the commodity components for exports exclude foreign merchandise and include Department of Defense (DOD) Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments.)

Exports, unadjusted for seasonal change and excluding Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments, decreased from $3,570.0 million in October to $3,415.2 million in November. With Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments included, exports decreased from $3,625.5 million in October to $3,471.2 million in November. Unadjusted general imports amounted to $2,989.1 million in November compared to $3,430.4 million in October.

[1] *Adjusted for seasonal and working-day variation, but not for price level.*

[2] *Cumulations of data over at least 3- or 4-month periods are desirable to identify underlying trends. Month-to-month changes in exports, imports, and similar series often reflect primarily irregular movements. Recent month-to-month percent changes in the overall seasonally adjusted export and import series are presented in the following table with average percent month-to-month rise and decline over longer periods shown for comparison. The average rise and decline figures exclude percentage changes for: (1) the periods December 1962-March 1963 and December 1964-May 1965 because of abnormalities in the data due to effects of strikes; and (2) periods when negligible changes (zero percent) in the level of exports/imports occurred.*

Series	Month-to-month				Average monthly rates of change			
	Oct.-Nov. 1969	Sept.-Oct. 1969	Aug.-Sept. 1969	July-Aug. 1969	Average rise 1963-1968	Average decline 1963-1968	4 months July-Nov. 1969	12 months Nov. 1968-Nov. 1969
Exports....	-0.1%	-1.3%	-1.7%	+6.7%	+3.8%	-3.1%	+1.6%	+2.1%
Imports....	-0.3%	+5.5%	-3.9%	+3.7%	+3.1%	-3.1%	+1.3%	+1.9%

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EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

Import Statistics

General imports are a combination of entries for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. Imports for consumption are a combination of entries for immediate consumption and withdrawals from warehouses for consumption.

The dollar value shown in the import statistics is defined generally as the market value in the foreign country and therefore excludes U.S. import duties, freight charges from the foreign country to the United States, and insurance. Value information is required to be reported on import entries in accordance with Sections 402 and 402a of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

It is the objective of the compiling procedures to include shipments, insofar as practicable, in the statistics for the month of import, which is based on the filing data of the import entry or warehouse withdrawal document.[1] However, because of processing problems, there has always been a carryover of a small percentage of items from the actual month of importation to a subsequent month, usually the succeeding month. The carryover should have little effect on month-to-month comparisons of overall totals, since the carryover of the previous month should compensate roughly for that of the following month.

Export Statistics

Exports of domestic merchandise include commodities which are grown, produced, or manufactured in the United States, and commodities of foreign origin which have been changed in the United States from the form in which they were imported, or which have been enhanced in value by further manufacture in the United States. Exports of foreign merchandise include commodities of foreign origin which have entered the United States as imports and which, at the time of exportation, are in substantially the same condition as when imported.

The dollar value shown in the export statistics is defined generally as the f.a.s. value at the U.S. port of exportation. These values have not been adjusted for changes in price level.

In general, compiling procedures provide for the inclusion of shipments in the statistics for the month of export.[2] However, as indicated above for imports, because of processing problems there has always been a carryover of a small percentage of shipments from their actual month of shipment to a subsequent month, usually the following month. The statement above regarding the effect of the import carryover generally applies to exports also.

Revisions to the Statistics

Revisions are carried into the statistics on a periodic basis. Data for 1968 and 1969 appearing in the 1969 monthly issues of this report are presented as follows:

1969 Statistics

a. January through November 1969 issues: figures are as originally issued, except as noted below.

b. December 1969 issue: figures reflect revisions for prior months of the year issued with December 1969 statistics.

1968 Statistics

a. January through May 1969 issues: figures reflect revisions issued with December 1968 statistics or earlier.

b. June through December 1969 issues: figures reflect revisions to 1968 data issued with June 1969 statistics.

In addition to the revisions which are made on a periodic basis, instances may occur where a significant error in the statistics for a month of the current year is discovered after the statistics for that month are compiled. If the error is of sufficient importance to require correction prior to the time that the regular revisions are carried, the correction is made and so noted in this report.

Sources of Further Information About Foreign Trade Statistics

Additional information regarding coverage, valuation, etc., is contained in the following publications: Report FT 990, Highlights of U.S. Export and Import Trade; FT 135, U.S. Imports, General and Consumption, Schedule A Commodity and Country; FT 410, U.S. Exports, Schedule B Commodity and Country; and the Guide to Foreign Trade Statistics. Information regarding additional sources of statistics, the methodology used in seasonally adjusting the data, and other matters relating to foreign trade statistics may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

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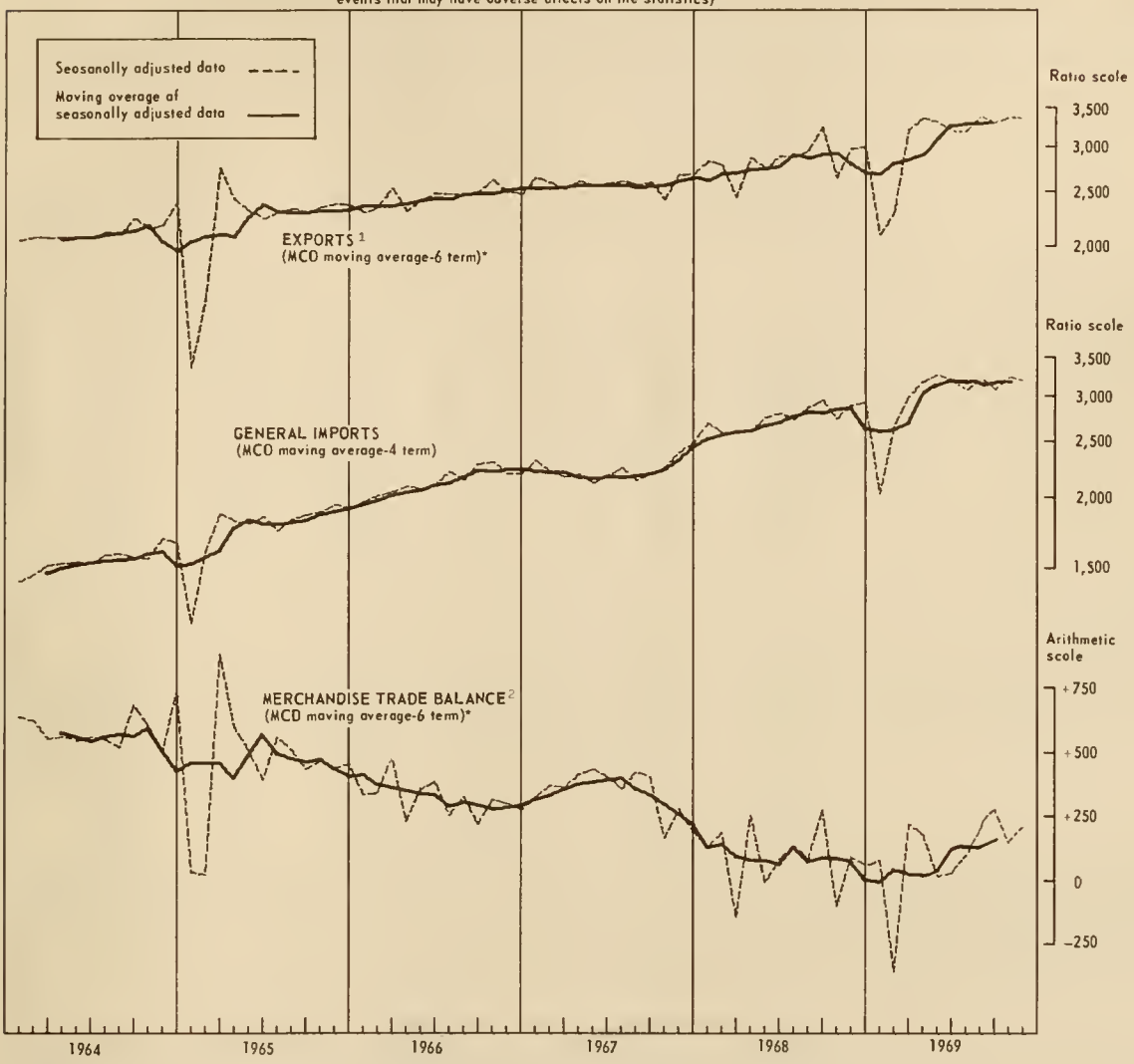
[1]For shipments by vessel, merchandise is not included in the statistics prior to the date of formal entrance of the vessel (i.e., the date of the inward customs manifest for the vessel).

[2]With minor exceptions, the date of export for shipments other than by mail is the date when the shipment leaves the United States, or, in the case of vessel or air shipments, the date when the carrier departs (or is cleared) from the port of export. For mail shipments, the date of export is considered to be the date of mailing.

U.S. Exports, General Imports, and Merchandise Trade Balance, Adjusted For Seasonal and Working-Day Variation: January 1964 to November 1969

(In millions of dollars. Data are not adjusted for unusual changes in the level of activity or coverage such as happens during strikes and other events that may have adverse affects on the statistics)



*In recompiling the MCD for these aggregate time series under the new method for seasonal adjustment announced with the releases of data for March 1969, we have found that for overall exports and the merchandise trade balance the MCD is 6-term rather than the 4-term average applied previously.

[1]Represents exports of domestic and foreign merchandise excluding Department of Defense Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments.

[2]Defined as exports (see footnote 1, above) minus general imports.

Table 1. U.S. Exports, General Imports, and Merchandise Trade Balance, Adjusted for Seasonal and Working-Day Variation, by Month: January 1968 to November 1969

(In millions of dollars. Includes data on silver ore, base bullion, and refined bullion)

Period and series	January-November	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
1968[1]													
Exports[2]	31,115.0	2,814.5	2,775.0	2,438.6	2,855.3	2,739.9	2,869.7	2,858.0	2,949.5	3,211.1	2,631.1	2,972.3	2,977.4
Imports	30,184.2	2,687.0	2,591.5	2,588.4	2,603.9	2,754.8	2,792.0	2,725.1	2,871.9	2,950.6	2,736.0	2,883.0	2,907.6
Merchandise trade balance[3]	+930.8	+127.5	+183.5	-149.8	+251.4	-14.9	+77.7	+132.9	+77.6	+260.5	-104.9	+89.3	+69.8
1969[1]													
Exports[2]	34,063.8	2,093.3	2,296.7	3,196.0	3,354.7	3,291.8	3,212.8	3,171.5	3,385.1	3,325.9	[4]3,368.9	3,367.1	
Imports	33,032.0	2,018.1	2,655.3	2,980.7	3,177.2	3,276.1	3,187.5	3,066.3	3,180.2	3,055.0	3,221.9	3,213.7	
Merchandise trade balance[3]	+1,031.8	+75.2	-358.6	+215.3	+177.5	+15.7	+25.3	+105.2	+204.9	+270.9	+147.0	+153.4	

[1]Reflects new seasonal adjustment factors which became effective with March 1969 statistics.

[2]Represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise excluding Department of Defense Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments.

[3]Defined as exports (see footnote 2, above) minus general imports.

[4]Revised.

Table 2. U.S. Exports of Merchandise Showing Department of Defense (DOD) Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid Shipments, by Month: January 1968 to November 1969

(In millions of dollars. Includes data on silver ore, base bullion, and refined bullion. Unadjusted totals represent sum of unrounded figures hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts)

Period	Exports excluding DOD Grant-Aid			Exports including DOD Grant-Aid		DOD Grant-Aid[2]		
	Domestic and foreign, seasonally adjusted[1]	Domestic and foreign, unadjusted	Domestic, unadjusted	Domestic and foreign, unadjusted	Domestic, unadjusted	Total	Western Europe	Other countries
1968								
January-December	34,092.4	34,062.8	33,626.0	34,635.9	34,199.0	573.1	199.7	373.4
January-November	31,115.0	31,017.3	30,618.8	31,541.2	31,142.7	524.0	185.3	338.6
January	2,814.5	2,685.5	2,655.6	2,738.3	2,708.4	52.8	23.3	29.5
February	2,775.0	2,689.7	2,658.8	2,749.0	2,718.1	59.3	20.2	39.1
March	2,438.6	2,646.8	2,607.5	2,681.5	2,642.2	34.7	13.3	21.4
April	2,855.3	2,960.7	2,924.7	3,000.0	2,963.9	39.2	11.1	28.1
May	2,739.9	2,960.6	2,922.1	2,984.3	2,945.8	23.8	5.1	18.6
June	2,869.7	2,783.2	2,748.7	2,832.9	2,798.4	49.7	11.9	37.8
July	2,858.0	2,674.8	2,639.5	2,733.9	2,698.6	59.1	23.5	35.6
August	2,949.5	2,803.6	2,764.9	2,857.3	2,818.6	53.7	19.1	34.6
September	3,211.1	2,947.0	2,912.4	2,990.2	2,955.6	43.2	22.6	20.6
October	2,631.1	2,732.0	2,685.6	2,780.5	2,734.1	48.5	21.4	27.1
November	2,972.3	3,133.5	3,099.0	3,193.4	3,158.9	59.9	13.7	46.2
December	2,977.4	3,045.6	3,007.2	3,094.7	3,056.3	49.1	14.4	34.7
1969								
January-November	34,063.8	33,979.3	33,486.3	34,594.6	34,101.6	615.3	227.2	388.0
January	2,093.3	2,056.7	2,016.8	2,111.3	2,071.5	54.6	24.5	30.1
February	2,296.7	2,144.7	2,112.4	2,179.1	2,146.8	34.4	12.1	22.2
March	3,196.0	3,366.7	3,321.5	3,418.0	3,372.8	51.3	21.2	30.1
April	3,354.7	3,506.9	3,457.6	3,565.9	3,516.6	59.0	24.7	34.3
May	3,291.8	3,543.3	3,498.6	3,594.8	3,550.2	51.5	25.0	26.6
June	3,212.8	3,099.9	3,052.4	3,170.0	3,122.6	70.1	29.4	40.8
July	3,171.5	2,997.9	2,955.5	3,045.6	3,003.2	47.7	22.2	25.4
August	3,385.1	3,165.4	3,112.5	3,227.3	3,174.3	61.8	23.2	38.7
September	3,325.9	3,112.7	3,069.4	3,186.0	3,142.7	73.3	6.7	66.6
October	[3]3,368.9	[3]3,570.0	[3]3,525.9	[3]3,625.5	[3]3,581.5	55.5	13.6	42.0
November	3,367.1	3,415.2	3,363.5	3,471.2	3,419.5	56.0	24.7	31.3
December								

[1]Data reflect adjustments for seasonal and working-day variation and do not necessarily add to annual unadjusted totals. The adjusted added totals also reflect new seasonal adjustment factors which became effective with the March 1969 statistics.

[2]Data differ from those released in Department of Defense reports because of a difference in statistical definitions. For a further explanation, see footnote 2, table E-1, Report FT 990, Highlights of U.S. Export and Import Trade.

[3]Revised.

Table 3. U.S. Imports of Merchandise, by Month: January 1968 to November 1969

(In millions of dollars. Includes data on silver ore, base bullion, and refined bullion. Unadjusted totals represent sum of unrounded figures hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts)

Period	1968			1969		
	General imports		Imports for consumption, unadjusted	General imports		Imports for consumption, unadjusted
	Seasonally adjusted[1]	Unadjusted		Seasonally adjusted[1]	Unadjusted	
January-December	33,091.8	33,226.3	33,066.0			
January-November	30,184.2	30,216.2	30,092.2	33,032.0	32,821.9	32,673.3
January	2,687.0	2,738.6	2,697.5	2,018.1	2,025.9	2,094.6
February	2,591.5	2,455.7	2,444.5	2,655.3	2,401.4	2,405.8
March	2,588.4	2,569.5	2,536.6	2,980.7	2,993.0	2,962.6
April	2,603.9	2,754.3	2,755.8	3,177.2	3,334.3	3,279.8
May	2,754.8	2,840.7	2,823.9	3,276.1	3,236.5	3,198.4
June	2,792.0	2,661.1	2,738.9	3,187.5	3,216.2	3,182.0
July	2,725.1	2,826.7	2,800.3	3,066.3	3,153.9	3,129.4
August	2,871.9	2,750.6	2,696.8	3,180.2	2,909.6	2,886.9
September	2,950.6	2,879.6	2,840.7	3,055.0	3,131.7	3,106.2
October	2,736.0	2,935.5	2,931.0	3,221.9	3,430.4	3,435.8
November	2,883.0	2,803.8	2,826.2	3,213.7	2,989.1	2,992.0
December	2,907.6	3,010.2	2,973.8			

[1]Data reflect adjustments for seasonal and working-day variation and do not necessarily add to annual unadjusted totals. The adjusted totals also reflect new seasonal adjustment factors which became effective with the March 1969 statistics.

Table 4. U.S. Exports of Domestic Merchandise Including Department of Defense (DOD) Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid Shipments--Schedule B Sections and Selected Divisions, Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted, by Month: January 1968 to November 1969

(In millions of dollars. Includes data on silver ore, base bullion, and refined bullion. Unadjusted totals represent sum of unrounded figures hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts)

Period	Schedule B sections and selected divisions[1]												
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7[2]	71	72	73	8	9
	Seasonally adjusted[3]												
1968													
January-December	3,890.5	704.6	3,547.8	1,050.9	[4]274.4	3,286.5	3,951.2	14,486.0	6,330.2	2,285.1	5,867.3	2,144.5	[4]924.0
January-November	3,515.2	646.3	3,253.5	948.8	[4]245.9	3,002.4	3,595.6	13,261.0	5,803.8	2,093.4	5,370.2	1,968.3	[4]826.7
January	367.4	59.2	288.9	89.7	[4]15.6	263.8	294.4	1,257.7	533.8	185.2	520.7	183.4	[4]95.2
February	358.0	66.5	286.1	84.3	[4]26.2	249.9	298.6	1,163.1	514.3	180.7	469.4	169.3	[4]68.6
March	328.8	48.0	297.8	85.2	[4]24.3	234.2	244.2	958.1	433.9	170.8	361.3	156.9	[4]65.6
April	324.0	55.6	324.9	89.7	[4]23.1	280.6	309.5	1,178.1	533.5	190.3	444.1	175.5	[4]65.7
May	299.8	61.0	291.2	86.6	[4]20.9	262.5	310.0	1,146.1	499.6	181.7	475.8	174.7	[4]71.5
June	307.0	65.9	264.6	83.1	[4]29.3	267.5	347.7	1,233.8	524.5	195.4	516.4	174.2	[4]81.6
July	316.3	58.1	298.4	89.7	[4]20.2	276.3	352.5	1,203.8	525.3	190.9	497.0	179.3	[4]71.7
August	334.1	70.4	305.1	87.7	[4]20.2	291.5	341.1	1,237.4	557.8	201.9	484.1	195.7	[4]78.6
September	308.6	65.8	339.0	94.5	[4]25.0	349.9	421.9	1,317.1	604.7	207.3	519.7	188.7	[4]71.3
October	266.4	36.8	265.8	69.7	[4]21.1	250.6	319.9	1,221.3	511.8	195.0	499.0	180.6	[4]87.8
November	304.8	59.0	291.7	88.6	[4]20.1	275.6	355.8	1,344.5	564.6	194.2	582.7	190.0	[4]69.2
December	375.3	58.3	294.3	102.1	[4]28.5	284.1	355.6	1,225.0	526.4	191.7	497.1	176.2	[4]97.3
1969													
January-November	3,393.5	630.5	3,281.8	1,018.5	[4]271.2	3,065.9	4,113.7	15,067.3	6,563.8	2,474.4	6,044.1	2,247.9	[4]1,116.6
January	130.8	17.3	135.8	85.1	[4]14.0	181.5	226.9	1,154.3	409.6	163.0	565.2	157.9	[4]75.0
February	176.8	16.4	179.9	76.1	[4]15.3	198.0	263.0	1,111.0	445.3	181.9	482.8	168.9	[4]56.1
March	309.1	69.9	295.5	85.8	[4]22.2	281.3	380.1	1,413.6	633.1	245.6	548.7	229.8	[4]110.0
April	337.1	53.7	387.5	94.4	[4]31.5	314.5	375.4	1,443.2	626.9	224.2	579.2	208.0	[4]75.7
May	349.5	85.5	324.4	104.3	[4]25.4	307.3	394.2	1,411.4	595.9	241.5	588.4	205.6	[4]87.5
June	379.9	84.1	282.3	103.9	[4]28.9	296.3	379.8	1,329.3	611.1	218.8	503.5	203.4	[4]115.6
July	350.8	63.2	325.5	92.3	[4]27.1	292.7	395.2	1,329.6	602.8	223.7	510.2	205.8	[4]80.2
August	325.4	55.9	338.2	92.5	[4]20.5	301.8	428.2	1,496.6	671.4	257.1	574.3	232.2	[4]109.5
September	332.5	54.4	339.9	85.7	[4]24.6	289.8	415.2	1,436.1	640.5	239.6	573.3	212.5	[4]131.7
October[5]	350.1	64.3	358.0	91.4	[4]27.0	298.0	431.2	[6]1,534.2	[6]668.3	247.0	598.1	217.8	[4]119.8
November	351.5	65.8	314.8	107.0	[4]34.7	304.7	424.5	1,408.0	658.9	232.0	520.4	206.0	[4]155.4
December													
	Unadjusted												
1968													
January-December	3,889.6	702.5	3,540.7	1,049.9	274.4	3,287.0	3,939.4	14,447.4	6,313.2	2,284.0	5,850.1	2,144.2	924.0
January-November	3,523.3	626.3	3,215.3	959.9	245.9	3,010.2	3,592.7	13,172.2	5,790.5	2,089.6	5,292.1	1,970.1	826.7
January	352.8	44.5	288.0	75.5	15.6	235.9	271.4	1,160.5	493.1	182.2	485.2	168.9	95.2
February	353.5	52.9	291.8	70.5	26.2	238.4	287.1	1,162.9	505.4	173.4	484.1	166.2	68.6
March	353.8	37.0	310.7	77.8	24.3	257.8	271.0	1,074.2	490.4	178.7	405.1	170.1	65.6
April	334.7	46.5	319.0	89.6	23.1	292.6	331.6	1,273.6	584.1	200.7	488.8	187.5	65.7
May	313.9	52.6	308.3	92.3	20.9	287.5	339.2	1,269.5	572.1	197.3	500.2	190.2	71.5
June	287.7	55.1	247.9	86.7	29.3	260.2	345.3	1,235.9	517.8	193.3	524.8	168.8	81.6
July	297.0	48.5	274.1	90.3	20.2	278.8	331.0	1,116.9	511.9	180.8	424.3	170.0	71.7
August	325.9	73.0	268.1	101.8	20.2	304.7	333.8	1,122.2	515.1	190.2	416.9	190.5	78.6
September	289.4	88.1	268.8	106.0	25.0	334.9	394.1	1,196.1	536.4	194.2	465.5	181.9	71.3
October	278.2	45.6	286.0	77.6	21.1	246.6	329.5	1,178.2	503.2	199.7	475.3	183.5	87.8
November	336.3	82.5	352.7	91.8	20.1	272.8	358.7	1,382.3	561.2	199.1	621.9	192.5	69.2
December	366.3	76.1	325.4	90.0	28.5	276.7	346.7	1,275.1	522.7	194.4	558.0	174.1	97.3
1969													
January-November	3,397.7	621.0	3,233.1	1,032.6	271.2	3,082.5	4,125.9	14,972.4	6,557.7	2,465.9	5,948.8	2,248.6	1,116.6
January	129.5	13.5	139.1	73.8	14.0	166.6	214.9	1,095.6	389.2	165.2	541.2	149.5	75.0
February	168.2	12.6	176.8	61.3	15.3	181.8	243.9	1,071.2	421.6	168.7	481.0	159.6	56.1
March	322.9	52.2	298.7	76.1	22.2	300.5	409.4	1,539.6	693.9	249.2	596.5	241.2	110.0
April	350.4	45.5	384.4	95.0	31.5	331.0	406.2	1,572.9	692.5	238.8	641.6	224.0	75.7
May	362.8	74.1	343.1	110.6	25.4	335.9	430.1	1,557.4	680.5	261.2	615.6	223.2	87.5
June	354.1	69.7	262.9	107.8	28.9	286.7	375.2	1,326.0	599.6	215.5	511.0	195.7	115.6
July	333.0	53.2	301.0	93.8	27.1	298.5	374.8	1,244.5	592.0	213.5	438.9	197.3	80.2
August	312.9	57.5	292.4	105.4	20.5	310.3	410.9	1,332.3	609.3	238.3	484.8	222.6	109.5
September	318.0	73.6	274.4	98.4	24.6	282.6	395.9	1,334.1	579.3	229.6	525.3	209.3	131.7
October[5]	372.5	80.4	393.6	103.7	27.0	298.7	453.3	[6]1,507.4	[6]669.8	258.1	579.5	225.1	119.8
November	373.5	88.7	366.8	106.7	34.7	289.9	411.3	1,391.4	630.1	227.9	533.4	201.0	155.4
December													

[1]Schedule B section and selected division descriptions are as follows:

0. Food and live animals
1. Beverages and tobacco
2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials
4. Animal and vegetable oils and fats
5. Chemicals
6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material
7. Machinery and transport equipment
   - 71. Machinery, other than electric
   - 72. Electrical machinery, apparatus, and appliances
   - 73. Transport equipment
8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.c.
9. Commodities and transactions not classified according to kind

[2]Seasonally adjusted figures for section 7 may differ slightly from the sum of divisions 71, 72, and 73 since each is independently adjusted.

[3]Data reflect adjustments for seasonal and working-day variation and do not necessarily add to annual unadjusted totals. The adjusted data also reflect new seasonal factors which became effective with the March 1969 statistics. The adjusted section totals in this table and similar overall monthly totals in tables 1 and 2 were developed independently.

[4]In the absence of demonstrable seasonal patterns for this section, no seasonal adjustment factors have been applied to date.

[5]As a result of the change, effective October 1969, in the category "Low-value shipments" (reflected in Schedule B section 9) which included estimated data for shipments valued under $100 prior to October and now includes shipments valued $250 and under, the statistics for the individual commodity sections and selected divisions reflect some additional undercounting.

[6]Revised.

Table S. U.S. General Imports--Schedule A Sections, Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted by Month: January 1968 to November 1969

(In millions of dollars. Includes data on silver ore, base bullion, and refined bullion. Unadjusted totals represent sum of unrounded figures hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts)

Period	Schedule A sections[1]									
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Seasonally adjusted[2]									
1968										
January-December	4,571.2	805.9	3,328.7	2,518.9	[3]157.8	1,126.1	8,132.8	7,972.7	3,319.4	[3]1,207.8
January-November	4,196.3	740.2	3,042.8	2,309.2	[3]141.3	1,027.2	7,467.9	7,221.2	3,018.0	[3]1,093.6
January	374.9	68.9	258.0	197.7	[3]13.8	88.5	684.3	633.0	259.4	[3]92.5
February	372.5	66.1	255.1	199.2	[3]14.7	84.8	672.4	592.7	246.9	[3]87.7
March	330.4	58.9	269.7	209.0	[3]9.2	89.7	720.2	533.9	259.2	[3]79.7
April	370.5	52.0	258.5	189.7	[3]11.3	88.1	712.9	584.8	261.7	[3]107.9
May	390.9	57.0	281.9	190.2	[3]13.4	94.9	679.6	657.5	281.6	[3]104.1
June	384.9	61.5	281.9	220.0	[3]15.1	90.4	680.1	686.3	283.2	[3]93.7
July	392.8	73.3	278.0	221.6	[3]17.4	98.3	616.5	611.1	281.9	[3]110.7
August	431.3	111.8	278.0	203.5	[3]8.5	101.3	745.4	667.7	288.2	[3]97.7
September	410.0	85.5	314.3	235.1	[3]14.8	101.1	683.1	749.8	288.7	[3]105.7
October	326.8	52.5	283.2	222.1	[3]12.7	90.8	626.0	742.7	280.8	[3]106.4
November	411.3	52.7	284.2	221.1	[3]10.3	99.3	647.4	761.7	286.4	[3]107.4
December	374.9	65.7	285.9	209.7	[3]16.6	98.9	664.9	751.5	301.4	[3]114.3
1969										
January-November	4,105.7	744.9	3,165.4	2,552.6	[3]120.5	1,144.1	7,270.8	8,976.4	3,780.1	[3]1,205.5
January	176.1	23.1	205.5	210.1	[3]6.1	70.8	401.7	585.5	217.5	[3]88.7
February	313.6	30.8	274.8	236.9	[3]12.5	85.2	609.3	695.5	305.5	[3]86.4
March	430.9	60.0	316.2	211.5	[3]11.7	103.0	667.2	698.6	342.0	[3]98.2
April	416.5	58.0	335.8	237.8	[3]11.2	109.3	734.5	848.1	372.9	[3]109.2
May	409.0	97.0	297.8	245.6	[3]13.6	104.0	742.1	877.4	375.6	[3]112.4
June	409.6	106.2	273.2	218.3	[3]8.6	121.3	713.3	866.9	374.6	[3]119.3
July	406.2	85.3	281.9	215.8	[3]11.0	108.1	683.2	774.1	350.5	[3]120.0
August	407.0	78.3	287.9	259.7	[3]10.2	104.3	704.7	915.3	375.3	[3]108.3
September	352.6	68.0	282.3	232.1	[3]10.2	101.4	684.0	909.1	346.5	[3]121.5
October	383.9	73.2	305.4	243.4	[3]13.9	124.4	672.5	917.0	361.0	[3]127.8
November[4]	400.3	65.0	304.6	241.4	[3]11.7	112.3	658.3	888.9	358.7	[3]113.6
December										
	Unadjusted									
1968										
January-December	4,577.3	786.3	3,345.7	2,526.7	157.8	1,129.1	8,162.4	7,986.9	3,346.1	1,207.8
January-November	4,180.7	708.7	3,051.5	2,292.7	141.3	1,027.4	7,495.1	7,180.5	3,044.5	1,093.6
January	366.5	74.2	256.9	237.5	13.8	89.1	689.4	671.4	247.3	92.5
February	356.9	64.2	227.2	204.1	14.7	85.4	615.8	586.2	213.5	87.7
March	333.4	61.8	259.2	220.3	9.2	95.7	696.3	577.2	236.6	79.7
April	393.8	61.5	261.6	193.9	11.3	101.7	766.5	609.6	246.6	107.9
May	396.1	55.1	300.1	178.0	13.4	103.3	728.6	699.4	262.6	104.1
June	353.8	47.5	286.1	202.8	15.1	80.9	655.1	664.9	261.1	93.7
July	403.3	54.4	293.1	228.5	17.4	93.4	663.1	630.6	332.3	110.7
August	403.1	80.8	293.6	187.1	8.5	100.6	716.2	547.6	315.4	97.7
September	408.9	80.1	306.7	220.7	14.8	94.7	672.6	663.2	312.1	105.7
October	368.2	67.2	299.4	226.6	12.7	88.6	655.1	785.9	325.3	106.4
November	396.8	61.8	267.7	193.1	10.3	94.0	636.5	744.4	291.7	107.4
December	396.6	77.5	294.2	234.0	16.6	101.7	667.3	806.4	301.6	114.3
1969										
January-November	4,076.1	710.6	3,146.3	2,506.6	120.5	1,134.5	7,257.4	8,839.1	3,781.3	1,205.5
January	169.8	24.6	202.0	249.1	6.1	70.3	398.6	612.3	204.4	88.7
February	287.1	28.6	232.3	231.5	12.5	81.8	533.1	655.9	252.1	86.4
March	439.0	63.8	307.4	226.4	11.7	111.3	653.1	766.1	316.1	98.2
April	438.4	68.1	337.5	240.7	11.2	124.9	784.2	872.0	348.3	109.2
May	396.7	89.1	303.8	219.4	13.6	108.5	761.5	895.9	335.6	112.4
June	398.9	86.8	293.7	212.6	8.6	114.5	726.0	889.9	365.9	119.3
July	414.4	62.8	294.1	221.3	11.0	102.1	728.7	789.7	409.7	120.0
August	363.7	54.1	290.8	227.6	10.2	99.2	646.1	716.9	392.7	108.3
September	368.6	67.1	288.8	229.2	10.2	99.7	707.5	845.6	393.4	121.5
October	430.1	93.0	320.7	247.4	13.9	120.4	698.4	964.8	413.9	127.8
November[4]	369.4	72.7	275.2	201.4	11.7	101.8	620.2	830.1	349.2	113.6
December										

[1]Schedule A section descriptions are as follows:

0. Food and live animals
1. Beverages and tobacco
2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials
4. Animal and vegetable oils and fats
5. Chemicals
6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material
7. Machinery and transport equipment
8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.
9. Commodities and transactions not classified according to kind

[2]Data reflect adjustments for seasonal and working-day variation and do not necessarily add to annual unadjusted totals. The adjusted data also reflect new seasonal factors which became effective with the March 1969 statistics. The adjusted section totals in this table and similar overall monthly totals in tables 1 and 3 were developed independently.

[3]In the absence of demonstrable seasonal patterns for this section, no seasonal adjustment factors have been applied to date.

[4]The detailed figures appearing in table 5 of this report and in all other November import reports are undercounted by about $44 million representing imports of automotive products from Canada. However, the seasonally adjusted and unadjusted overall totals appearing in this text and in tables 1 and 3 of this report reflect the inclusion of these imports. Data on these imports will be reflected in the detailed statistics for the month of December.

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